

Action has already been initiated to plan the STD links to clear the demands progressively in the next three years subject to availability of resources.

Statement

S.No.	State	Stations to be provided with STD Facility (as on 30-06-97)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	826
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	29
3.	Assam	1
4.	Bihar	24
5.	Gujarat	488
6.	Haryana	368
7.	Himachal Pradesh	109
8.	Goa	13
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	155
10.	Karnataka	484
11.	Kerala	0
12.	Madhya Pradesh	989
13.	Maharashtra	1190
14.	Manipur	10
15.	Meghalaya	12
16.	Mizoram	9
17.	Nagaland	14
18.	Orissa	47
19.	Punjab	204
20.	Rajasthan	943
21.	Sikkim	10
22.	Tamil Nadu	318

1	2	3
23.	Tripura	8
24.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	584
25.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	314
26.	West Bengal	173

Renewable Energy Projects

*126. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of renewable energy projects under implementation in different States particularly in Kerala as on date;

(b) whether any such proposals are pending with the Union Government for clearance; and

(c) the time by which those are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) A wide range of programmes/projects to generate and utilise non-conventional energy, are being implemented. These include the Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP), the setting up of Bio-gas plants, Improved Chulhas, Bio-mass Gasification and Briquetting plants, Solar Thermal Water Heating systems, both domestic and industrial, Solar Photovoltaic energy based rural home lighting systems, lanterns, water pumps for irrigation and village level power plants, grid-connected power from wind energy, small hydro, biomass combustion, baggase based co-génération and Solar Photovoltaic and Solar Thermal energy. Alternate fueled vehicles, and recovery of energy from Urban and Industrial wastes. The details of projects under implementation in Kerala, are given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) and (c) No such proposal from Kerala is pending with the Union Government.

Statement

Details of renewable energy projects under implementation in Kerala

S.No.	Programme/Projects	Nos./Capacity	Status/Remarks
1	2	3	4
I.	Biogas		
	(a) National project on Biogas Development (Nos.)	1500	These are targets fixed for 1997-98 and are under implementation.
	(b) IBP/CBP/NBP (Nos.)	5	These are targets fixed for 1997-98 and are under implementation.
II.	National Programme of Improved Chulha (Nos.)	1,00,000	These are targets fixed for 1997-98 and are under implementation.

1	2	3	4
III.	Small Hydro Power	6/11.5 MW	SHP projects under State Plan are at various stages of construction.
IV.	Water Pumping Wind Mill (Nos.)	11	A total 44 Nos. Water Pumping Wind Mills have been installed against the sanction of 55 Nos.
V.	Renewable Energy Parks (Nos.)	11	11 Nos. Renewable Energy Parks sanctioned during 1995-96 are under implementation.
VI.	Urjagram (Nos.)	3	3 Urjagram projects sanctioned earlier are under implementation.
VII.	Integrated Rural Energy Programme	16 Blocks	28 IREP Blocks are under operation against sanctioned Nos. of 44 Blocks.
VIII.	Solar Photovoltaics		
	(a) Home Lighting Systems	470	These systems are likely to be commissioned during 1997-98.
	(b) Street Lighting Systems	22	
	(c) SPV Powered Colour TV	2	
IX.	(a) Battery Operated Vehicle (Nos.)	3	A project for 3 Battery Operated Vehicles was sanctioned and is under implementation through ANEHT.
	(b) Dual Fuel Buses (Nos.)	50	Under Demonstration Programme of Alternate Fuels, 50 buses of Kerala State Road Transport Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram would be taken up for running dual fuel mode with diesel and methanol and are under various stages of implementation.
X.	Wind Energy Programme An R & D project on digital controlled system for WEG's	—	Project was sanctioned in March, 1997 for a period of 20 months and is under implementation.
XI.	Waste of Engery A feasibility study for setting up waste to energy project in Thiruvananthapuram.	—	Final report to be submitted shortly.

To be operationalised.

Programmes on Golden Jubilee

127. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA :
SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to make special programme based on the freedom movement on the occasion of golden jubilee of India's independence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the languages in which such programmes are being made.

(d) whether it is a fact that no such programmes are proposed to be telecast in Urdu;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to telecast some programmes in Urdu also alongwith the details of such programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir.